THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The incident was thoroughly enquired and examined by a Committee consisting of senior officers. Committee submitted the enquiry report. As per the finding of the enquiry neither the then Chief General Manager nor additional General Manager (Mines) have been found responsible.

(b) The repair work has been awarded to M/s Voltas Limited (the Indian representative of OEM) for repair and fitment of operator cabin, machine house, planum chamber assembly, right hand counter weight box, hatch cover, centre box etc. for Rs.20.8 lakhs. The repair is in progress. The spares required for re-commissioning of the shovel is under process of procurement. The total expenditure will be known only after completion of the work and re-commissioning of the equipment.

(c) Shovel was partially damaged and was taken out for re-commissioning/ repair on 3rd day itself.

(d) It is not true that the shovel has been damaged completely. The shovel has been partially damaged and the repair is going on to re-commission the shovel.

(e) Machine is still to be re commissioned.

Disinvestment from the Jabalpur GCF and Vehicle Factory

†3237. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to disinvest from the vehicle factory and gun carriage factory at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the norms fixed for the same; and

(c) whether disinvestment will effect the secrecy of defence production of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.